

Charge Stokes Hired a Negro To Trap Wife

Detective Sought to Link
Girlhood Pictures With
Denver Place of Evil Re-
pute, Littleton Asserts

Mother on Stand for Her
Never in Wallace's Rooms,
She Says, as Defendant's
Suit for Separation Opens

Though the title of the case still reads "W. E. D. Stokes vs. Helen Elwood Stokes," the long-drawn-out divorce suit of the former owner of the Hotel Ansonia, and the counter suit of his wife for a separation took a reversed form yesterday when counsel for Mrs. Stokes began the introduction of testimony in support of her counter claim, which she bases on allegations of cruelty.

Martin W. Littleton charged that Mr. Stokes had cruelly vilified Mrs. Stokes. In 1913, the lawyer told Justice Finch, the husband took an album containing pictures of Mrs. Stokes, which he used for the purpose of obtaining evidence against his wife. One of these pictures, it was charged, Mr. Stokes sent to a negro detective in Denver, with instructions to ascertain whether that photograph was taken in the rear of a place of ill repute in Denver.

"It is your," said Mr. Littleton, "nothing can be more cruel in law than to impute unchastity to a woman. We are considering whether it is safe for a woman to live with a man, not only physically safe, but safe as to her character and reputation. Those pictures of her early life, taken innocently enough in her girlhood, were used to impeach her character."

Letters to Detective Offered

Mr. Littleton also had some letters which it was said Mr. Stokes wrote. These Justice Finch would not admit in evidence for the present, having them marked for identification. The justice said in case the evidence adduced justified it, he would admit the missives. These letters were sent to the negro detective. Mr. Littleton said the latter had been paid \$2,000 for his work by Mr. Stokes. Herbert C. Smyth, of counsel for Mr. Stokes, said he had letters to prove that the money was not paid, but that the detective refused to turn the letters over to Mr. Stokes unless the latter paid him \$2,000, which he claimed for services.

"You have the letters now. Who paid the \$2,000?" said Mr. Smyth, addressing Mr. Littleton.

Mrs. Emma Miller, of Denver, mother of Mrs. Stokes, was a witness for her daughter yesterday. She said she had been approached by a negro named Harrison or Harris, who said he represented Mr. Stokes, who had made certain derogatory statements about his wife. Mrs. Miller said she was prosecuted over the news of her daughter's marriage to Mr. Stokes and was kept in bed for some time. The witness added that through George Estabrook, a friend, Mr. Stokes sent a photograph of himself to Mrs. Miller, saying he had heard she was ill. The message from Mr. Stokes delivered to his mother-in-law was that he wanted Mrs. Miller to know who he was.

Denies East 35th Street Visit
Mrs. Miller denied she had been with her daughter in January, 1916, at 13 East Thirty-fifth Street, where Edgar T. Wallace, one of the co-respondents, had an apartment. Witnesses had testified to seeing Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Stokes there.

"I never heard of 13 East Thirty-fifth Street until I came to this court," said Mrs. Miller. "I was with my daughter when her second baby, Muriel, was born on December 29, 1915, less than

two weeks before that date (January 10, 1916). I heard a nurse go on the stand and say that Mrs. Stokes got up within ten days after the baby was born. It is an infamous lie, just as infamous as that we have in Wallace's apartment, Mrs. Stokes could not leave her room at the Hotel Vanderbilt for at least six weeks, when we drove with nurses and the children to the Hotel Nassau."

Mrs. Miller denied that Mrs. Stokes, at the Hotel Nassau, ever received any men visitors except her two step-brothers and her stepson, W. E. D. Stokes Jr.

Robert A. Cowan, a photographer employed by counsel for Mrs. Stokes to make some pictures at 13 East Thirty-fifth Street, to prove that Mr. Stokes was unable to distinguish the features of an assistant placed in the apartment until the latter stood directly in front of the open window and looked up at him. When the man stood too close back from the window his features were indistinct in the photograph taken of him, and at six inches back of that point his face was not discernible at all from the position taken by Mr. Cowan. This testimony was offered to discredit that of the witnesses for Mr. Stokes that they plainly saw Mrs. Stokes standing at a dresser between two windows in the Wallace apartment.

The trial will be continued to-day.

Map of New York City Brings \$6,500 at Sale

The rare Bradford map of New York City, of great importance as the first engraved map of this subject, brought \$6,500 at auction last night at the Anderson galleries. The price was the highest ever paid at a public sale for an item of this kind. Cortlandt Field Bishop, a collector of New York historical views and prints, was the buyer. The map was regarded as foremost in importance among the valuable collection of historical prints and documents in the William Loring Andrews collection, dispersed by order of James F. Drake. Three copies only of the early city plan are known, one of which is held by the New York Historical Society.

One of two known proofs of an aquatint of "The Old Government House," an early New York landmark, was purchased for \$470 by Robert Friedberg, who also purchased the valuable view of Castle William, near Boston, the only known copy, which dates from about 1730. The sum paid was \$975.

Washington's general order book, a manuscript issued from Morristown during the Revolutionary War, was purchased by E. E. North for \$210, and a rare first edition of Robert Rogers' "Pontiac; or, The Savages of America," a tragedy, was purchased by Walter M. Hill for \$185.

The entire collection realized \$20,323, of which \$11,965 was from objects sold yesterday.

Antique house furnishings belonging to Louis V. Bell were on sale yesterday afternoon, and brought a total of \$8,229.50.

First Mrs. Andrews Refuses to Testify Against Husband

Resists Inquiry by Grand
Jury, but Attorney As-
serts Divorce Suit Will
Be Pushed to a Finish

Mrs. Maud Haynes Andrews, the first and only wife of the late Herbert T. Andrews, who compelled her to occupy the same apartment at 2850 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, with a second wife he installed there, faced a strange dilemma before the Hudson County Grand Jury yesterday.

Mrs. Andrews had been instructed by her attorney, George S. Furst, to assert her legal right in refusing to testify against her husband, but it was demanded of her that she testify against any one other than Andrews concerning whom questions might be asked her. It was evident that the questioning by Assistant Prosecutor George F. Clark placed Mrs. Andrews in doubt as to whether she could answer the questions without at the same time incriminating Andrews. At first Mrs. Andrews flatly refused to answer, saying she had been advised by her counsel not to do so. The grand jury then called in Attorney Furst as a result he told Mrs. Andrews to answer all questions that were not directly about Andrews. Mrs. Andrews was on the stand half an hour before she would answer any questions at all, and after her talk with Attorney Furst she was quizzed by the Assistant District Attorney and the grand jurors for another hour.

Mrs. Andrews did not respond to the summons served on her last Friday to appear before the grand jury until notified by Prosecutor Clark that if

she did not appear in ten minutes he would send a court officer after her. She arrived soon after, accompanied by her counsel. Twenty minutes after Mrs. Andrews had testified the grand jury adjourned. The attorneys for Mrs. Andrews refused to discuss her examination.

Thomas F. Walsh, prosecuting attorney at Greenwich, said late yesterday that Jacob J. Lazarus, counsel for Andrews, had agreed to surrender his client to the Connecticut authorities to-morrow. Telegrams from New Haven last night declared that so far as known Andrews had made no move in the direction of a surrender.

Mexicans Find Dead Flyer

Body, 10 Miles Over Line, Be-
lieved That of U. S. Aviator

MEXICO CITY, April 19.—A body believed to be that of a lost American aviator has been found near Vega de los Ladrones, State of Coahuila, within ten miles of the international boundary. This information was transmitted today to the War Office by General Amaro, chief of military operations in the northern zone.

The body was found by a ranchman near a wrecked airplane flying the American flag and was unrecognizable. General Amaro was instructed to communicate with Major General Dickman at San Antonio. The War Office, in making the announcement, said it was possible the body was that of a person who had lost his way on the desert and that the pilot of the wrecked machine had found his way safely back across the border.

Harding Signs First Bill, Appropriation for Congress

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Harding signed to-day before he left for New York, the first bill sent him by Congress. It was an act appropriating for certain expenses incident to the first session of the 67th Congress.

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Wife Held as Slayer Says Husband Hit Her

LONG BRANCH, N. J., April 19.—Mrs. Viola Gallagher, common law wife of Dennis Gallagher, of 758 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, who died Sunday after being shot while at a party with Mrs. Gallagher Saturday night, told her story of the shooting in the county jail yesterday. She is held without bail on a charge of murder.

Mrs. Gallagher says that Gallagher and Felix Engle, who boarded with the

Gallaghers in Brooklyn, had been drinking during the evening. Those in the party were Engle and Mrs. Isabel Baldwin, Mrs. Gallagher's sister-in-law, with two children, aside from Engle and the children. Mrs. Gallagher told the prison officials Gallagher struck her. He then went into a bedroom and obtained a revolver. She struggled with him for its possession and it was discharged, wounding him. After being wounded, the wife said, Gallagher went to a neighbor's house, and no one knew he had been hit.

President and Wife Give \$50 To Mme. Curie Radium Fund

President Harding and Mrs. Harding have contributed \$50 to the \$100,000 fund being raised to purchase a gramme of radium to be presented to Mme. Curie, discoverer of the element, when she visits this country next month. The President will present the radium to the distinguished scientist at the White House.

Contributions to the fund may be forwarded to the headquarters of the committee, 3 Macdougall Street.

Explosion on Prince's Ship Two Killed on Vessel Bearing Japanese Heir to Europe

TOKIO, April 19 (By The Associated Press).—A boiler tube exploded on board the Japanese battleship Katori, on which Crown Prince Hirohito was traveling to Europe, while the vessel was between Colombo and Suez, says an official statement issued by the Navy Department to-day. Two sailors were killed and two wounded, but the Crown Prince arrived safely in Suez last Friday.



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